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Hi Dr. Redfield

Please see quote below that needs approval. This is for an EPA release on PFAS research. There are also quotes from EPA, DOD and USDA.

Thanks
Nina

Below is a suggested quote.

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Subject: RE: NAS - Workshop PFAS Research - Press Release

Please see draft press release below/attached.

**EPA, Federal Family and the National Academies of Science Collaborate
on Public Workshop to Review Federal Research on PFAS**

*Public Workshop is the latest action by Trump Administration to aggressively
address PFAS*

WASHINGTON D.C (July 27, 2020) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it has engaged the National Academies of Science to coordinate a Workshop on Federal Government Human Health Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Research. Aggressively addressing PFAS has been an active and ongoing priority for the EPA and entire federal family. As outlined in EPA's PFAS Action Plan, this collaborative workshop will ensure coordination of PFAS research across the federal government.

EPA QUOTE

DOD QUOTE

USDA QUOTE

HHS QUOTE

The National Academies of Science will assist EPA and the larger federal family in organizing a two-day virtual public workshop to review federal agency research on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and to identify

research and data gaps. Following the workshop, a report will be assembled outlining recommendations and summarizing the views of participants on how to ensure that the federal research program for PFAS is robust and focused on addressing the highest priority human health concerns. The proceedings will be made available to participating federal agencies and to the public.

Federal agencies are spending significant resources to better understand PFAS chemistries, sample collection, compound identification and quantification, toxicities (including health effects in humans), fate and transport, occurrence and exposure, environmental removal and degradation, and treatment and disposal. U.S. federal agencies conducting research on PFAS include USDA, EPA, DoD, HHS, (National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and U.S. Food and Drug Administration), U.S. Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey), U.S. Department of Transportation, and Department of Homeland Security. The scientific and technical input resulting from this workshop will help to ensure the robustness of Federal research programs in this important area.

Learn more about EPA's PFAS research:

<https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/research-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>

Background

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a group of man-made chemicals that have been manufactured and used by a variety of industries since 1940. Common applications of PFAS include water and stain repellant materials, as well as fast-acting firefighting products. While the use of older variants of PFAS have been widely discontinued, legacy uses and a lack of commercially viable alternatives to certain public safety products (e.g. firefighting foams) have resulted in PFAS contamination in certain areas.

In 2019, EPA issued the [PFAS Action Plan](#) – the first multi-media, multi-program, national research, management, and risk communication plan to address an emerging contaminant like PFAS. The PFAS Action Plan outlines the tools EPA is developing to address PFAS in drinking water, identify and clean up PFAS contamination, expand monitoring of PFAS manufacturing, increase PFAS scientific research, and promote effective enforcement tools.

Additionally, it outlines EPA's commitment to take a wide variety of actions to address this emerging contaminant in both a short-term and long-term timeframe.

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Thanks David.

We will work quickly to get a quote from our Assistant Secretary cleared quickly.

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